

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3700 East West Highway, Records and Information Management Branch, Room 135, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Dorothy Martin, Manager, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East West Highway, Room 608A, Hyattsville, MD 20782, (202) 874-6775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

Title: Annual Letter (A) and Annual Letter (B), Certification of Authority.

OMB Number: 1510-0057.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: This letter is used to collect information from companies to determine their acceptability and solvency to write or reinsure federal surety bonds.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 417.

Estimated Time Per Respondents: 62.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 26,063.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: April 29, 2002.

Judith R. Tillman,

Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Announcement of the Fall 2002 Solicited Grant Competition Grant Program

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agency Announces its Upcoming Fall 2002 Solicited Grant Competition. The Solicited Grant competition is restricted to projects that fit specific themes and topics identified in advance by the Institute of Peace.

The themes and topics for the Fall 2002 Solicited competition are:

- Solicitation A: Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding.
- Solicitation B: Democratic Governance and the Role of the Military.

Deadline (Receipt of Application Material): October 1, 2002.

Notification of Awards: March 31, 2003.

Applications Material: Available Upon Request.

ADDRESSES: For more information and an application package: United States Institute of Peace, Grant Program, Solicited Grants, 1200 17th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-3011, (202) 429-3842 (phone), (202) 429-6063 (fax), (202) 457-1719 (TTY), Email: grant_program@usip.org.

Application material available on-line starting mid May 2002: www.usip.org/grant.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Grant Program, Phone (202)-429-3842.

Dated: April 23, 2002.

Bernice J. Carney,

Director Office of Administration.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Announcement of the Fall Unsolicited Grant Competition Grant Program

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agency announces its Upcoming Unsolicited Grant Program, which offers support for research,

education and training, and the dissemination of information on international peace and conflict resolution. The Unsolicited competition is open to any project that falls within the Institute's broad mandate of international conflict resolution.

Deadline (Receipt of Application Material): October 1, 2002.

Notification of Awards: March 31, 2003.

Applications Material: Available Upon Request.

ADDRESSES: For more information and an application package: United States Institute of Peace, Grant Program, 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-3011, (202) 429-3842 (phone), (202) 429-6063 (fax), (202) 457-1719 (TTY), Email: grant_program@usip.org.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Grant Program, Phone (202) 429-3842, E-mail: grant_program@usip.org.

Dated: April 23, 2002.

Bernice J. Carney,

Director, Office of Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Research and Development, Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, on May 16, 2002. The session is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. The three new studies submitted for review are: Diiodothyropropionic Acid, a Thyroid Analog to Treat Heart Failure, Phase II Trial; The Midwest Gulf War Cohort Study; and Ft. Devens Gulf War Veteran Cohort, A Longitudinal Study.

The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Director of the Cooperative Studies Program on the relevance and feasibility of the studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The meeting will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. to discuss the general status of the program. Those who plan to attend should contact Ms. Denise Shorter, Staff Assistant, Department of Veterans Affairs (125D), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 565-7016.

The meeting will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This portion of the meeting involves consideration of

specific proposals in accordance with provisions set forth in section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by sections 5(c) of Public Law 94-409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). During the closed session of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research proposals, and similar documents, and the medical

records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Dated: April 29, 2002.

Nora E. Egan,

Committee Management Officer.

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